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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS

REF: STATE 051665

1. MISSION INTENTIONS REGARDING PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER LEVELS DO NOT JIBE WITH THOSE REPORTED PARA 1 REFTEL. WE PROJECT VOLUNTEER LEVEL TO REACH 110 THIS MONTH AND THEN DECLINE TO LOW OF 85 IN JUNE 1977 WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE MONTH SURGE IN JULY 1976 DUE TO ADDITIONAL PC/T PROGRAM JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF LARGE NUMBER PCV'S.

2. AT PRESENT TIME THERE ARE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AT THREE LOCATIONS WITHIN 20 MILES OF RHODESIAN BORDER AS FOLLOWS:

- TUTUME, APPROXIMATELY 14 MILES FROM BORDER; FIVE PCV CURRENTLY THERE; PROJECTED APPROXIMATELY SAME.
- FRANCISTOWN, APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES FROM BORDER CROSS COUNTRY, BUT SUBSTANTIALLY FURTHER VIA ROAD AND RAIL: SEVEN PCV CURRENTLY THERE; PROJECTED FIVE.
- KASANE, AT QUADRAPOINT WITH RHODESIA AND ZAMBIA: ONE PCV CURRENTLY THERE; PROJECTED ONE.

3. POST IS CONTINUALLY REVIEWING PEACE CORPS AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIAL AND CITIZEN LOCATIONS IN LIGHT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED ABOUT NEED FOR REASSIGNMENT
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OR EVACUATION. REQUEST ANY INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE TO POST

WHICH MIGHT BEAR ON SECURITY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN BORDER
REGIONS WITH RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.
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